

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application and the same are rejected. By this Amendment, claims 4 and 11 are cancelled and claims 1, 8, and 15 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-18 remain in the application and are presented for review and further consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include a reference to mentioned in the description.

In response, Applicant has amended Figure 1 and the specification to include the reference.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference 14 has been used to indicate both GRL TAG in a Resource Storage Device and GRL TAG in a Server Storage Device in Figure 1.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the objection.

Reference 14 has been used to indicate both instances of GRL TAG because the GRL TAG is the same whether it is in the Resource Storage Device or Server Storage Device.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference 4 has been used to designate both "Network Resource" and "List of Resources".

In response, Applicant has amended the specification to renumber "List of Resources" to 17.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.83(b) because they are incomplete. The Examiner points out that Figure 2 does not include the embodiment, where step 30 follows step 28 and resource

storage device should be numbered 12 instead of 14 on page 3, line 23 of the specification.

In response, Applicant has amended Figure 2 and the specification to comply with the Examiner's requirement.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Franklin, et al., U.S. Published Application 2001/0023440. (Examiner's Action, page 4, ¶ 7).

As to dependent claims 4 and 11, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant has limitations of dependent claims 4 and 11 into claims 1, 8, and 15.

Franklin discloses an application object 100 which may be queried for location data. The application object 100 has a proximity attribute 152. "The proximity attribute 152 may reflect a measurement, context, a time position or time for access, spatial position, organizational identification, logical position, or geographical identifier for identifying a proximity of an application object 100 with respect to a coordinate system locating another object, such as a user object 98, group object 96, or container object 94." (Franklin, page 4, paragraph [0054]).

A coordinate system is the system by which coordinates are given meaning. Therefore, the proximity attribute includes position information, but not a coordinate system. The position information disclosed by Franklin may be used with a coordinate system, but is not in itself a coordinate system. Additionally, Franklin does not disclose either the application object 100 or anything else which includes a coordinate system.

In contrast, Applicant's independent claims 1, 8, and 15, as amended to include limitations of canceled claims 4 and 11, include wording that a global resource locator (GRL) tag is assigned to a resource, the GRL tag includes at least a description of the physical location of the resource, and the description of the physical location including a coordinate system and coordinates for the resource. Franklin does not disclose any structure that includes a coordinate system and coordinates for a resource.

In view of Applicant's arguments and amendments with respect to independent claims 1, 8, and 15 being allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining dependent claims are also allowable because they contain all of the limitations of their respective independent claims and further add structural and functional limitations.

The foregoing amendments and arguments are believed to be a complete response to the most recent Examiner's Action.

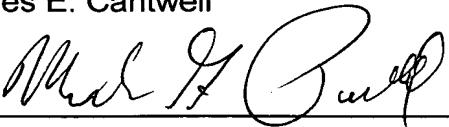
No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no claim, teaching, motivation, or suggestion in any of the prior art cited, alone or in combination, to produce what Applicant claims.

It is further submitted that the application, as amended, defines patentable subject matter and that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should any issues remain which would preclude the prompt disposition of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,  
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